

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, legendary UK band, The Clash, was founded by Joe Strummer, Mick Jones, Topper Headon, and Paul Simonon in 1976, intent upon channeling their generation's passion and awareness into a socially-conscious message and call to action; and

WHEREAS, through an amalgamation of various musical and cultural influences, the band forged a new sound that shook the pillars of popular music, infusing it with a vital new life-force rooted in diversity, tolerance, and multiculturalism, as well as a bit of rock and roll rebellion; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 40th anniversary of the Clash's masterpiece, *London Calling*, a powerful record that laments the destructive forces in our society, yet conjures up the power contained within each one of us to change the world one song at a time; and

WHEREAS, *London Calling* lays bare a message that may be even more relevant today than it was when *London Calling* was released; and

WHEREAS, by joining with kindred spirits across the globe, Washington State practices our long musical tradition of loudly proclaiming in one voice, "We know our rights, and we are not afraid to use them in the fight against hate, tyranny, and ignorance";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim February 7, 2019, to be

The Clash Day

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to join me in this special observance.



Signed this 17th day of January, 2019

Governor Jay Inslee